

ANNUAL REPORT
OF THE
TOWN OFFICERS



Town of
WESTHAMPTON

YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 1956

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EASTHAMPTON NEWS COMPANY
EASTHAMPTON, MASS.

REPORT OF THE TOWN CLERK

For the Year Ending December 31, 1956

BIRTHS

Jan.	20	Alan Richard Fox
Feb.	20	Gretchen Ann Schumann
Mar.	5	Edward Clifford Fisher
Mar.	9	Raymond Glen Pinard
April	26	William Wayne Weslowski
May	15	Edward Alan Parsons
May	21	Denise May Barrett
June	19	Sylvia Ann Montague
June	24	Ronald Albert Pepin
June	26	Howard Irving Mann, Jr.
Sept.	28	Jill Louise Montague
Oct.	2	Dana Edward Lacombe
Nov.	14	Kennard Ward Henderson
Dec.	7	Deborah Ann Krug
Dec.	31	Nancy Ann Imes

DEATHS

Feb.	2	Hattie A. Blakesley
Nov.	18	Michael Chuchki
Nov.	27	Myron M. Clapp

MARRIAGES

April	1	Howard Charles Williams	Westhampton, Mass.
		Mary A. Williams	Northampton, Mass.
April	30	John Arthur Trudeau	Holyoke, Mass.
		Judithann Delisle	Westhampton, Mass.
June	30	Rene James Reyes	Manila, P. I.
		Judith Murie Derouin	Westhampton, Mass.

Aug.	25	Robert J. Hamelin	Easthampton, Mass.
		Margaret E. Gett	Westhampton, Mass.
Aug.	31	Robert Alexander Burke	Athol, Mass.
		Dorothy Mae Delisle	Westhampton, Mass.
Oct.	6	Charles W. Inman	Westhampton, Mass.
		Louise H. Loud	Westhampton, Mass.

DOG LICENSES

Licenses Issued:

54 Males	@	\$2.00	\$108.00
10 Females	@	5.00	50.00
33 Spayed	@	2.00	66.00
3 Kennel	@	10.00	30.00
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			\$254.00
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Paid to Town Treasurer	\$234.00	
Retained 100 fees @ 20c	20.00	
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		\$254.00
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FISH AND GAME LICENSES

Licenses Issued:

34 Resident Fishing	@	\$3.25	\$110.50
59 Resident Hunting	@	3.25	191.75
56 Resident Sporting	@	5.25	294.00
10 Resident Minor Fishing	@	1.25	12.50
16 Resident Female Fishing	@	2.25	36.00
3 Non-Resident 3-day Fish.	@	2.75	8.25
3 Non-Resident Hunting	@	15.25	45.75
1 Duplicate	@	.50	.50
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			\$699.25
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Paid to Division of Fisheries and Game	\$654.00	
Retained 181 Fees @ 25c	45.25	
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		\$699.25
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Free Licenses:
4 Resident Sporting

D. L. JUDD
Town Clerk

I have examined the accounts of the Town Clerk and find them correct.

JEAN W. NORRIS
Auditor

REPORT OF TOWN TREASURER

RECEIPTS

Balance on Hand January 1, 1956	\$40,434.77
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Taxes:

1954 Real Estate	\$2.44
Excise	14.10
1955 Real Estate	4,422.71
Personal Property	1,086.95
Polls	4.00
Excise	996.18
1956 Real Estate	32,647.71
Personal Property	7,659.27
Polls	276.00
Excise	4,613.68

Interest on Taxes:

1954	1.73
1955	150.00
1956	14.56

Demands:

1955	5.95
1956	.70

Warrants:

1955	3.50
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Highways:

From Massachusetts State Treasurer

Chap. 81 1955 Contract	4,901.16
1956 Contract	6,901.70
Chap. 90 Maintenance	
1955 Contract	1,000.00
1956 Contract	1,000.00
Chap. 90 Construction	
1955 Contract	4,490.17
Chap. 90 Special 1954 Contract	18,000.00

From Hampshire County Treasurer	
Chap. 90 Maintenance	
1955 Contract	1,000.00
1956 Contract	1,000.00
Chap. 90 Construction	
1955 Contract	2,495.73

Old Age Assistance:

From Massachusetts State Treasurer	
Federal Grant for Aid	2,484.41
for Administration	147.89
State Aid	2,538.62
Meal Taxes	199.62
Refunds from Other Towns	217.26
Check Returned	4.75

Schools:

From Massachusetts State Treasurer	
Chap. 70	7,520.40
Aid for School Superintendents	466.67
Vocational Education Tuition	79.80
School Transportation	9,773.00
George Barden Fund	200.00
Registration Fees, Evening Art Course	16.00

Flood Damage Repair:

Temporary Repair	
From United States Treasurer	8,269.35
From Massachusetts State	
Treasurer	1,157.29
Permanent Repair	
From Massachusetts State	
Treasurer	8,374.06

Other Income:

Massachusetts State Treasurer	
Corporation Tax B	1,500.00
Income Tax	272.67

Live Stock Control	12.50
Reimbursement for Forest Fire Fighting Equipment	59.05
Hampshire County Treasurer	
Dog Licenses Refund	112.28
Bob Cat Bounty	10.00
Town Clerk, Dog Licenses	234.00
Sealer of Weights and Measures	31.50
Revolver Permits	6.00
Milk Dealer's Licenses	4.00
Third Class Second Hand Car	
Dealer's License	7.50
Auctioneer's License	2.00
Common Victualer's License	5.00
Lord's Day Victualer's License	7.50
Discounts Taken	3.00
Samuel Carlson, Refund on Material	3.75
New England Tel. & Tel. Co., Tree Trimming	75.00
Certificate of Municipal Lien	2.00
Town Highway Department:	
Machine Fund	2,672.50
Rent of Town Machinery	209.50
Withholding Taxes	2,172.98
Retirement Deductions	129.43
Interest from Trust Funds:	
Cemetery	93.20
Whiting Street	37.96
Wright	27.50
Thayer	27.50
1956 Income	141,855.68
	<u>\$182,290.45</u>
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EXPENDITURES

Paid Selectmen's Orders	\$72,326.39	
Paid School Committee Warrants	33,019.47	
Balance on Hand January 1, 1957	76,944.59	
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		\$182,290.45
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STABILIZATION FUND

Balance on Hand January 1, 1956	\$1,205.45	
Interest Income 1956	33.37	
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		\$1,238.82
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ROAD MACHINE FUND

Balance January 1, 1956		\$4,646.18	
Highway Dept. Earnings	\$2,672.50		
Road Machinery Rental	209.50		
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			2,882.00
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			7,528.18
Transfer to Road Machinery Acct.	\$3,000.00		
to Snow Plow Acct.	1,000.00		
to Snow Removal Acct.	1,000.00		
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			5,000.00
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			2,528.18
Unspent Road Machinery Acct.	\$1,283.10		
Unspent Snow Plow Acct.	126.00		

Unspent Snow Removal Acct.	98.67	
Discounts Taken on Road Mach. Acct.	2.73	
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		1,510.50
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Balance on Hand January 1, 1957		\$4,038.68
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OUTSTANDING TAXES

1954 Real Estate	\$9.25	
1955 Real Estate	67.20	
Excise	5.34	
1956 Real Estate	5,679.43	
Personal Property	1,488.29	
Poll	2.00	
Excise	2,819.52	
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		\$10,071.03
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FUNDS HELD IN TRUST BY THE TOWN

	Interest Received in 1956	
Cemetery:		
\$2,000.00 Lucy Totman	\$60.00	
500.00 O. C. Bridgman	13.76	
100.00 Myra G. Strong	2.76	
100.00 Sarah C. Cook	2.76	
100.00 George Burt	2.76	
100.00 Samuel Edwards	2.76	
100.00 Arthur L. Searle	2.76	
100.00 Emma G. Damon	2.76	
50.00 David L. Brown	1.38	
50.00 Susan A. Loud	1.50	
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		\$93.20

Worthy Poor:

\$1,380.85	Whiting Street	\$37.96
1,000.00	Wright	27.50

65.46

Thayer:

\$1,000.00	27.50
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\$186.16

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RALPH S. BRIDGMAN

Treasurer

I have examined the accounts of the treasurer and find them correct, showing disbursements to the amount of one hundred five thousand, three hundred forty-five dollars and eighty-six cents (\$105,345.86), for which vouchers are on file, and a balance on hand of seventy-six thousand, nine hundred forty-four dollars and fifty-nine cents (\$76,944.59). Due from Ralph S. Bridgman, Tax Collector: 1954 Real Estate tax, nine dollars and twenty-five cents (\$9.25); 1955 Real Estate tax, sixty-seven dollars and twenty cents (\$67.20); Excise tax, five dollars and thirty-four cents (\$5.34); 1956 Real Estate tax, five thousand, six hundred seventy-nine dollars and forty-three cents (\$5,679.43); Personal Property tax, one thousand, four hundred eighty-eight dollars and twenty-nine cents (\$1,488.29); Poll tax, two dollars (\$2.00); and Excise tax, two thousand, eight hundred nineteen dollars and fifty-two cents (\$2,819.52).

JEAN W. NORRIS

Auditor

REPORT OF THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN

To the People of Westhampton:

We are happy to submit a report of the activities of your Board of Selectmen and some of the problems faced by them during 1956.

As you all know, the floods of August 18th and 19th, 1955, did considerable damage to the roads and bridges in the town. We are pleased to report that all flood damage has been repaired and that the Town has been reimbursed by the State 90% for all work done.

Bond Issue Funds—In the State Highway Bond Issue passed last year, funds were made available to cities and towns for highway and bridge construction. Our allotment is slightly over \$7,000.00.

It is our intention, with the approval of the Town Meeting, to use \$7,000.00 of this money for the construction of a new bridge at Loud's Mill on Southampton Road. Information has been received from the State Board of Public Works that, if \$7,000.00 is voted by the Town, the State will contribute \$9,000.00 and the County, \$2,000.00, making a total of \$18,000.00 for this work at no cost to the taxpayers of the Town.

Chapter 81, Highway Work—This past year considerable work was done on the Northwest Road under Chapter 81. The road has been widened and graveled in some of the worst places, making winter maintenance easier. The Board feels there is still much room for improvement on this road.

Also under Chapter 81, a spraying of brush program was adopted. This was the first year that spraying had been done by the Highway Department. We cannot give a definite report as to the efficiency of this operation, but we do feel that in time it will be less expensive for the Town, will beautify our highways, and relieve the manpower problem that brush cutting involves.

Snow removal, sanding, and winter road work is still a problem to our Town. When roads need sanding, help for this work is our major problem. Perhaps a sander driven by the power of the sand truck is the answer to this. A driver is all the man power needed to sand in this manner.

We recognize the conditions under which our Highway Department functioned during the serious storms of the past year, and we wish at this time to commend them for the splendid job they did.

EARL R. GETT

WILLIAM M. FISKE

FRANK B. MONTAGUE

Selectmen of Westhampton

TOWN HALL ACCOUNT

John Cernak, Jr.	\$345.49
Western Massachusetts Electric Co.	138.40
Foster-Farrar Company	16.54
Charles Brambilla	4.00
E. A. Delisle Company	35.83
Stanley Bartlett	350.00
Westhampton Water Company	25.00
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	\$915.26

TOWN OFFICERS

C. W. Knowlton, Treas.	\$10.00
Mass. Collectors' and Treas. Assoc.	4.00
Mass. Assessors' Assoc. (State and County)	9.00
Hampshire County Selectmen's Assoc.	6.00
Edith Blakesley—Copying Town Orders	25.00
D. L. Judd—Town Clerk	232.58
W. M. Fiske—Moderator	15.00
Mrs. Richard Tracy—Registrar	30.00
Philip Clapp—Teller	10.00
Ellis Hover—Teller	10.00
Mrs. G. I. Flint—Election Officer	10.00
Mrs. J. C. Williams—Election Officer	10.00
Mrs. Richard Tracy—Election Officer	10.00
Henry Payson—Election Officer	10.00
Henry Payson—Teller at Primaries	6.25
Mrs. J. C. Williams—Teller at Primaries	6.25
Mrs. J. C. Williams—Ballot Clerk	10.00
Mrs. John Lynes—Ballot Clerk	10.00
Mr. John Lynes—Ballot Clerk	10.00
Mrs. G. I. Flint—Ballot Clerk	10.00
Mrs. G. I. Flint—Registration of Voters	13.75
G. I. Flint—Assessor	125.00
P. J. Norris—Assessor	125.00
Sidney Cole—Assessor	175.00

Mrs. W. B. Miller—Clerk School Committee	100.00
Ellis Hover—School Committee	75.00
Frank Hathaway—School Committee	62.50
David Clapp—School Committee	12.50
Earl Gett—Chairman Selectmen	300.00
W. M. Fiske—Selectman	200.00
F. B. Montague—Selectman	200.00
Jean Norris—Auditor	25.00
Stanley Bartlett—Sealer Weights and Measures	20.00
James Hickey—Dog Officer	25.00
R. S. Bridgman—Treasurer	425.00
R. S. Bridgman—Tax Collector	425.00
M. M. Clapp—Estate—Inspector of Slaughtering	20.00
F. B. Montague—Inspector of Animals	25.00

\$2,797.83

CHAPTER 81—MATERIAL

1955 Appropriation

John S. Lane & Son	\$21.75
Lane Construction Corp.	26.40
Hampshire Sand & Gravel, Inc.	30.15
New England Metal Culvert Co.	550.23
John Cernak, Jr.	36.75
Omasta Bros.	37.60
H. J. Payson	62.40

\$765.28

CHAPTER 81—PAYROLL

1955 Appropriation

Harland Lemery	\$624.00
George Payson	10.00
Frank Montague	122.50
F. W. Blakesley	596.75

Eugene Lemery	130.00	
Edward Balise	26.25	
Paul Balise	20.00	
Murray Clapp	29.00	
Hallett Construction Co.	380.00	
Frederick Pinard	15.00	
Machine Fund	593.00	
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		\$2,546.50

CHAPTER 81—MATERIAL

	1956 Appropriation	
American Tar & Asphalt Co.	\$2,548.31	
Lane Construction Corp.	582.60	
H. J. Payson	130.50	
Hampshire Sand & Gravel, Inc.	317.86	
John Cernak, Jr.	55.62	
New England Metal Culvert Co.	494.13	
Wirthmore Grain & Coal Co.	83.00	
Ada Williams	77.80	
Arthur Dodge	97.90	
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		\$4,387.72

CHAPTER 81—PAYROLL

	1956 Appropriation	
Harland Lemery	\$1,435.50	
Edward Balise	52.50	
Hallett Construction Co.	183.50	
Albert LaFrance	152.50	
F. W. Blakesley	1,146.00	
Frederick Pinard	196.88	
Frank Montague	427.00	
George Payson	96.25	
Eugene Lemery	308.13	
Donovan Bros.	1,373.00	
Zack Donovan	70.00	

Charles Pinard	361.88
Warner Bros., Inc.	39.56
Howard Blakesley	67.50
Raymond Blakesley	486.25
Raymond Sears	51.00
David Tyler	38.00
E. A. Montague	323.00
Clifford Payson	28.00
Murray Clapp	142.50
Hampshire Sand & Gravel, Inc.	176.00
Machine Fund	1,508.75
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	\$8,663.70

CHAPTER 90—MAINTENANCE MATERIAL

1955 Appropriation

Lane Construction Corp.	\$314.25
The Chemical Corp.	355.85
New England Metal Culvert Co.	132.56
John Cernak, Jr.	5.04
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	\$807.70

CHAPTER 90—MAINTENANCE PAYROLL

1955 Appropriation

Harland Lemery	\$88.50
Paul Balise	45.00
Edward Balise	50.00
Frank Montague	185.25
Hallett Construction Co.	92.00
Raymond Blakesley	32.00
Charles Pinard	40.00
F. W. Blakesley	111.00
Eugene Lemery	55.00
Machine Fund	156.00
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	\$854.75

CHAPTER 90—MAINTENANCE MATERIAL

	1956 Appropriation
Hampshire Sand & Gravel, Inc.	\$322.79
Lane Construction Corp.	128.10
American Tar & Asphalt Co., Inc.	1,649.35
Standard Sign & Signal Co., Inc.	16.76
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	\$2,117.00

CHAPTER 90—MAINTENANCE PAYROLL

	1956 Appropriation
Harland Lemery	\$133.50
F. W. Blakesley	116.25
Eugene Lemery	66.88
George Payson	38.13
Raymond Blakesley	98.75
Charles Pinard	86.88
Edward Balise	10.00
Frank Montague	162.00
Machine Fund	172.00
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	\$884.39

CHAPTER 90—CONSTRUCTION MATERIAL

	1955 Appropriation
American Tar & Asphalt Co.	\$1,984.86
Wirthmore Grain & Coal Co.	83.00
Hampshire Sand & Gravel, Inc.	461.88
Lane Construction Corp.	50.10
Ernest A. Delisle Co.	49.90
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	\$2,629.74

CHAPTER 90—CONSTRUCTION PAYROLL

	1955 Appropriation
F. W. Blakesley	\$219.00
Harland Lemery	219.00
Charles Pinard	117.50

Frank Montague	102.00	
Eugene Lemery	35.00	
George Payson	101.25	
Edward Balise	11.25	
Albert LaFrance	15.00	
Elmer Miller	10.00	
Machine Fund	138.25	
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		\$968.25

CHAPTER 90—CONSTRUCTION MATERIAL
ROUTE #66

	1956 Appropriation	
American Tar & Asphalt Co.	\$322.74	
H. J. Payson	36.60	
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		\$359.34

CHAPTER 90—CONSTRUCTION PAYROLL
ROUTE #66

	1956 Appropriation	
F. W. Blakesley	\$72.00	
Harland Lemery	72.00	
Hallett Construction Co.	364.00	
F. B. Montague	95.00	
Murray Clapp	24.00	
Frederick Pinard	40.00	
George Payson	15.00	
Edward Balise	10.00	
Albert LaFrance	5.00	
Machine Fund	104.50	
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		\$801.50

SNOW REMOVAL, SANDING, AND ROAD WORK

Harland Lemery	\$958.50
Omasta Bros.	662.75
Edward Balise	61.25

Hampshire Sand & Gravel, Inc.	455.33	
James O. Hickey	12.00	
Ralph Payson	7.50	
Clifford Fisher	7.50	
Albert LaFrance	88.13	
W. N. Potter, Inc.	510.00	
Richard Warren	6.00	
Sidney Montague	3.13	
F. W. Blakesley	689.50	
Frank Montague	866.02	
George Payson	130.66	
Earl Gett	171.75	
Donald Barrett	5.63	
Murray Clapp	91.27	
Richard Balise	25.63	
Eugene Lemery	81.88	
Earl Gett, Jr.	3.75	
Walter Henderson	3.75	
Philip Norris	1.88	
Dwight Church	8.13	
Benjamin Stark	5.00	
Frederick Pinard	8.13	
John Sarafin	3.75	
Raymond Sarafin	3.75	
Alfred Blakesley	20.63	
Richard Tracy	8.13	
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		\$4,901.33

SNOW PLOW ACCOUNT

E. F. Edson Co., Inc.	\$874.00
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ROAD MATERIAL—PERMANENT FLOOD

Lane Construction Corp.	\$131.25
Hampshire Sand & Gravel, Inc.	6.00
H. J. Payson	262.70
Edward Balise	165.50

Valentine Concrete Co.	67.00	
Community Feed Stores	1.40	
A. E. Delisle	59.20	
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		\$693.05

PAYROLL—PERMANENT FLOOD

F. W. Blakesley	\$444.75	
Paul Balise	5.00	
Frank Montague	492.13	
Hallett Construction Co.	3,739.25	
Zack Donovan	2,154.50	
Myron Ewing	387.00	
Thomas Stone	313.50	
Harland Lemery	214.50	
Edward Balise	22.50	
Murray Clapp	55.50	
Frederick Pinard	45.00	
Joseph Misterka	50.00	
Eugene Lemery	46.25	
George Payson	191.25	
Charles Pinard	41.25	
Omasta Bros.	172.80	
Sidney Montague	38.00	
Albert LaFrance	5.00	
James O. Hickey	387.50	
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		\$8,805.68

BRIDGES AND RAILINGS

Ernest A. Delisle Co.	\$29.39
Myron M. Clapp	83.16
Harland Lemery	78.00
Charles Pinard	40.00
Eugene Lemery	25.00
Richard Tracy	21.00
F. W. Blakesley	36.00

Albert LaFrance	20.00
Edward Balise	20.00

\$352.55

ROAD MACHINERY

John Cernak, Jr.	\$16.38
S. J. Wise & Sons, Inc.	75.20
Harland Lemery	198.75
Eugene Lemery	5.00
Hector A. Arel Co.	19.87
Tarbell Watters Co.	12.55
F. W. Blakesley	12.29
Tyler Equipment Co.	38.67
Albert LaFrance	5.00
A. E. Witherell	28.45
Benjamin Stark	2.00
Oliver Bishop	110.59
H. J. Cortian Hardware Co.	2.75
J. Russell & Co., Inc.	15.05
Manchester Co.	11.22
Chilson's Shops	30.95
Graves Equipment	148.83
John Cernak, Jr.	134.82
Northampton Radiator Co.	2.50
Wendell Whitaker	25.00
C. & I. Distributors	21.31
Plumb Auto Supply Co.	4.00
Federal Supply	14.85
Perkins & Milton	15.11
Witherell's Garage	5.85
Walter Witherell	7.23
Cernak Farm Supply	546.75
Frery Motor	32.33
E. F. Edson Co., Inc.	153.50

J. W. Parsons & Co., Inc.	19.35	
Loudville Store	.75	
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TRUCK FUND ACCOUNT

Frery Motors	\$4,905.00	
Charles Packard	12.00	
Oliver Bishop	47.25	
Samuel Carlson & Co.	23.75	
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ROAD MACHINE AND FIRE DEPARTMENT BUILDING

Western Massachusetts Electric Co.	\$28.33	
John Cernak, Jr.	480.34	
Westhampton Water Co.	9.00	
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FIRE DEPARTMENT

Massachusetts Fire Equipment Corp.	\$49.75	
Frank S. Parsons & Son	68.81	
Munson Auto Supply	7.85	
James R. Shea	12.43	
American LaFrance Corp.	164.15	
Foster-Farrar Co.	3.92	
C. & I. Distributors	9.06	
Pepin Fuel Co.	75.00	
Stanley Bartlett	4.50	
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FIRE CHIEF AND FOREST WARDEN

James O. Hickey	\$18.75	
Stanley Bartlett	131.25	
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WATER HOLES

Hallett Construction Co.	\$32.00
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RECREATION FUND

Ernie's	\$4.00
Albert LaFrance	7.20
Frank Hathaway	9.85
David Cole	3.50
J. A. Purseglove Co.	21.00
Christine Hickey	5.57
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	\$51.12

PURCHASES OF WEIGHTS AND MEASURES

Stanley Bartlett	\$5.30
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LIBRARY

H. M. Parsons	\$42.50
Library Book House	102.37
George H. Howard	35.00
Fan-Craft	14.15
Geographic Magazine	6.00
Book House	16.40
Mrs. Edith E. Grant	38.50
The Kraushar Press	5.63
Regional Library Center	12.69
Ernest Delisle	10.46
Stanley Bartlett	80.25
Marion Mascho	150.00
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	\$513.95

PRINTING AND SUPPLIES

Barre Gazette	\$31.63
Easthampton News Co.	205.92
Earl Gett	3.00
D. L. Judd	9.52
Poor Jim's Print Shop	28.00

Albert I. Cartledge	3.78	
The Todd Co., Inc.	5.50	
Mark Supple	56.19	
H. S. Gere & Sons, Inc.	2.71	
Stanley Bartlett	1.25	
R. S. Bridgman	5.55	
Hobbs & Warren, Inc.	31.60	
Commonwealth of Mass.	.75	
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		\$385.40

CEMETERY ACCOUNT

Karl's Service Shop	\$8.00	
Westhampton Water Co.	5.00	
Manchester Co.	49.90	
E. A. Delisle	9.99	
Stanley Bartlett	377.11	
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		\$450.00

CEMETERY INTEREST

E. A. Delisle	\$13.11	
Stanley Bartlett	158.98	
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		\$172.09

CONTINGENT FUND

County Commissioners	\$10.00	
Raymond A. Warner	36.60	
Oliver Bishop	2.50	
Sidney Cole	10.00	
Earl R. Gett	8.75	
Donel Supply Co.	20.00	
Frank B. Montague	7.50	
Walter M. Henderson	10.00	
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		\$105.35

TRUST FUNDS

Marion Mascho, Treasurer,		
Street & Wright Fund	\$65.46	
Parish Treasurer, Thayer Fund	13.75	
Town Treasurer, Thayer Fund	13.75	
	<hr/>	\$92.96

INTEREST, INSURANCE, AND BONDS

George H. Howard	\$220.51	
Pease & Co.	615.98	
E. Ray Ashley	124.30	
King & Cushman	429.60	
James P. McGrath	156.25	
	<hr/>	\$1,546.64

POLIO VACCINE CLINIC

George S. Russell	\$5.50	
Cottage Pharmacy	14.52	
C. Keith Wilbur, M. D.	25.00	
Eunice H. Cernak	66.83	
	<hr/>	\$111.85

WELL CHILD CLINIC

C. Keith Wilbur, M. D.	\$40.00	
Eunice H. Cernak	31.95	
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DIPHTHERIA CLINIC

C. Keith Wilbur, M. D.	\$25.00	
Eunice H. Cernak	25.30	
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PUBLIC WELFARE

Case No. 48		\$91.00
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ADULT EDUCATION STATE AIDED	
Ethel Allen—Teaching	\$99.00

WITHHOLDING TAXES	
First National Bank	\$2,178.04

TAX ABATEMENTS	
Excise	\$53.62
Real Estate	96.00
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	\$149.62

TAXES	
Commonwealth of Mass.—	
State Audit of Town Records	\$620.69
State Recreation Areas	109.37
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	\$730.06

COUNTY TAX	
Howard Banner, Treas. of Hampshire County	\$2,723.72

DOG LICENSES	
Hampshire County Treasurer	\$254.20

RETIREMENT SYSTEM	
Treasurer of Hampshire County	\$121.61

SPECIAL APPROPRIATIONS	
Retirement System	\$295.94

OLD AGE ASSISTANCE	
Cases Aided—6	\$6,922.31

OLD AGE ADMINISTRATION	
Estelle Frary	\$500.00
Expenses	5.17
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	\$505.17

CLERICAL HIRE

Frances Fox	\$200.00
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POSTAGE AND TELEPHONE

R. S. Bridgman	\$1.80
D. L. Judd	2.52
Earl R. Gett	8.40
F. B. Montague	1.20
W. M. Fiske	.75
F. W. Blakesley	56.53
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	\$71.20

VACATION PAY FOR REGULAR EMPLOYEES	\$144.00
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CIVILIAN DEFENSE

Western Massachusetts Electric Co.	\$15.80
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MEMORIAL DAY

Laura Witherell	\$22.20
Dr. Walter Couch	15.00
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	\$37.20

TREE REMOVAL

John S. Sarafin	\$125.00
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TOWN HALL NOTE

Northampton National Bank	\$1,000.00
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INTEREST ON TOWN HALL NOTE

Northampton National Bank	\$180.00
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	\$72,326.39
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RECAPITULATION

Town Hall Account	\$915.26
Town Officers	2,797.83
Chapter 81—Material (1955 Appropriation)	765.28
Chapter 81—Payroll (1955 Appropriation)	2,546.50
Chapter 81—Material (1956 Appropriation)	4,387.72
Chapter 81—Payroll (1956 Appropriation)	8,663.70
Chapter 90—Maintenance Material (1955 Appropriation)	807.70
Chapter 90—Maintenance Payroll (1955 Appropriation)	854.75
Chapter 90—Maintenance Material (1956 Appropriation)	2,117.00
Chapter 90—Maintenance Payroll (1956 Appropriation)	884.39
Chapter 90—Construction Material (1955 Appropriation)	2,629.74
Chapter 90—Construction Payroll (1955 Appropriation)	968.25
Chapter 90—Construction Material (1956 Appropriation) Route #66	359.34
Chapter 90—Construction Payroll (1956 Appropriation) Route #66	801.50
Snow Removal, Sanding, and Road Work	4,901.33
Snow Plow Account	874.00
Road Material—Permanent Flood	693.05
Payroll—Permanent Flood	8,805.68
Bridges and Railings	352.55
Road Machinery	1,716.90
Truck Fund Account	4,988.00
Road Machine and Fire Department Building	517.67

Fire Department	395.47
Fire Chief and Forest Warden	150.00
Water Holes	32.00
Recreation Fund	51.12
Purchases of Weights and Measures	5.30
Library	513.95
Printing and Supplies	385.40
Cemetery Account	450.00
Cemetery Interest	172.09
Contingent Fund	105.35
Trust Funds	92.96
Interest, Insurance, and Bonds	1,546.64
Polio Vaccine Clinic	111.85
Well Child Clinic	71.95
Diphtheria Clinic	50.30
Public Welfare	91.00
Adult Education State Aided	99.00
Withholding Taxes	2,178.04
Tax Abatements	149.62
Taxes	730.06
County Tax	2,723.72
Dog Licenses	254.20
Retirement System	121.61
Special Appropriations	295.94
Old Age Assistance	6,922.31
Old Age Administration	505.17
Clerical Hire	200.00
Postage and Telephone	71.20
Vacation Pay for Regular Employees	144.00
Civilian Defense	15.80
Memorial Day	37.20
Tree Removal	125.00
Town Hall Note	1,000.00
Interest on Town Hall Note	180.00
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	\$72,326.39

BUDGET RECOMMENDATIONS FOR 1957

Schools	\$40,800.00
Highways, Chapter 81	675.00
Chapter 90 Construction	2,500.00
Chapter 90 Maintenance	1,000.00
Bridges and Railings	500.00
Town Officers	2,800.00
Old Age Administration	6,000.00
Board of Health	50.00
Board of Health, Well Child Clinic	80.00
Interest, Insurance, and Bonds	1,600.00
Town Hall Maintenance	1,000.00
Gypsy Moth	150.00
Dutch Elm Disease	150.00
Printing and Supplies	500.00
Library, Dog Fund Plus	300.00
Memorial Day	40.00
Contingent Account	150.00
Reserve Fund	1,000.00
Snow Removal, Sanding, and Road Work	3,500.00
Veterans' Relief	200.00
Rabies Vaccine	50.00
Diphtheria Clinic	55.00
Public Welfare	200.00
Fire Patrol	100.00
Cemetery	450.00
Road Machinery Account	3,000.00
Travel Expense	50.00
Fire Department	400.00
Fire Department and Road Machinery Buildings	550.00
Postage and Telephone	150.00
Clerical Hire	200.00
Hampshire County Retirement System	133.41
Recreation Committee	50.00
Town Hall Bond	1,000.00
Interest on Town Hall Bond	160.00

Water Holes	75.00
Fire Chief and Forest Warden	150.00
Tree Removal	100.00
Civilian Defense	100.00

NAMES IN JURY BOX

Mrs. Edward S. Fox	Secretary
Mr. Joseph LaCourse	Laborer
Mr. Harold LaCombe	Carpenter
Mr. Wayne Buzzee	Cutter
Mr. Robert Norris	Farmer
Mr. David Cole	Poultryman

JURORS DRAWN IN 1956

Mr. John Schumann	Drawn	1/16/56
Mr. Lee W. Sinclair	Drawn	1/16/56
Mr. Morris Frary	Drawn	4/2/56
Mrs. William B. Miller	Drawn	9/17/56

REPORT OF THE BOARD OF ASSESSORS — 1956

RAISE AND APPROPRIATE

Schools	\$38,500.00
Highways, Chapter 81	675.00
Highways, Chapter 90, Construction	2,500.00
Highways, Chapter 90, Maintenance	1,000.00
Bridges and Railings	500.00
Town Officers	3,500.00
Old Age Assistance and Administration	7,000.00
Board of Health	50.00
Board of Health, Well Child Clinic	80.00
Interest, Insurance, and Bonds	1,500.00
Town Hall Maintenance	1,000.00
Gypsy Moth	150.00
Dutch Elm Disease	150.00
Printing and Supplies	700.00
Library, Dog Fund Plus	400.00
Memorial Day	40.00
Contingent Account	150.00
Snow Removal, Sanding, and Road Work	4,000.00
Rabies Vaccine	50.00
Diphtheria Clinic	55.00
Public Welfare	500.00
Fire Patrol	100.00
Cemetery	450.00
Travel Expense	50.00
Fire Department	400.00
Fire Department and Road Machinery Building	550.00
Postage and Telephone	100.00
Clerical Hire	200.00
Hampshire County Retirement System	295.94
Recreation Committee	75.00
Town Hall Bond	1,000.00

Interest on Town Hall Bond	180.00
Water Holes	100.00
Fire Chief and Forest Warden	150.00
Tree Removal	150.00
Civilian Defense	100.00
Polio Vaccine Clinic	150.00
State-aided Vocational Education	200.00
Purchase of Weights and Measures	25.00
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	\$66,775.94

FROM BALANCE IN THE TREASURY

Highways, Chapter 81	\$9,000.00
Highways, Chapter 90, Construction	10,000.00
Highways, Chapter 90, Maintenance	2,000.00
Reserve Fund	1,000.00
Veterans' Relief	300.00
Road Machinery Account	3,000.00
Vacation Pay for Town Employees	144.00
4-Wheel Drive Dump Truck	5,000.00
Dog Refund	112.28
Emergency Flood Damage	1,965.90
State Parks and Reservations	63.96
State Audit Municipal Accounts	620.69
Overlay	1,682.96
County Tax	2,864.07
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	37,753.86

Total 1956 Appropriations	\$104,529.80
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Estimated Receipts and Available Funds	\$56,314.62
Net Amount Raised on Polls and Property	48,215.18
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	\$104,529.80

Personal Property Valuation	\$190,574.00	
Real Estate Valuation	807,492.00	
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		\$998,066.00
Tax on Personal Property	\$9,147.56	
Tax on Real Estate	38,759.62	
Tax on Polls	308.00	
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		\$48,215.18
Tax Rate		\$48.00
Motor Vehicle Tax 1955		135.10
Motor Vehicle Tax 1956		7,512.94
Exemptions on Real Estate		480.00
Exemptions on Polls		36.00
Abatements on Motor Vehicles 1955		35.58
Abatements on Motor Vehicles 1956		128.02
Abatements on Real Estate 1956		48.48

FROM THE TABLE OF AGGREGATES

<i>Year</i>	<i>Horses</i>	<i>Cows</i>	<i>Sheep</i>	<i>Goats</i>	<i>Cattle</i>	<i>Swine</i>	<i>Fowl</i>	<i>Dwel- lings</i>
1954	18	375	20	11	101	11	12,925	237
1955	19	356	47	11	117	17	10,766	239
1956	12	349	29		108	20	10,387	246

GILBERT I. FLINT

SIDNEY H. COLE

PHILIP J. NORRIS

Board of Assessors

LIBRARIAN'S REPORT — 1956

Two hundred twenty-six books were added to the Memorial Library during the year 1956. Eighty-seven books were purchased and 139 were gifts. The library subscribes to 16 magazines and several magazines are given to the library.

Books have been received from the Rev. Robert Young and family, Mrs. Lillian Blakesley, Mrs. Belva Hunt, Daniel Bridgman, Sidney Neal, Ralph Lerche, W. E. Lyman, the Rev. and Mrs. Ellery Clapp, Mrs. John Cernak, and James Bongiovanni.

Circulation for the year:

Adult Fiction	945
Adult Non-Fiction	225
Juvenile	1,446
Magazines	720

The Bookmobile visits the library and the Center School and the following number of books have been borrowed:

Adult Fiction	308
Adult Non-Fiction	180
Juvenile Fiction	470
Juvenile Non-Fiction	146

There were 19 qualified readers in the Adventures of Reading with 237 books read.

November 29, Mrs. Watts, Mrs. Miller, Mrs. Flint, and Mrs. Hickey, library trustees, visited the Center School in observance of Book Week. The group reviewed the books that were added to the Children's library.

MARION MASCHO

Librarian

REPORT OF THE SCHOOL COMMITTEE

We have read and approved the reports of the Superintendent of Schools, the School Principal and others responsible for various school activities. Their reports outline in detail the school matters which have been reviewed and passed by the School Committee at its regular meetings or one of the special meetings held during the year.

During the summer vacation period, the school was thoroughly cleaned and painting was done wherever it was deemed necessary. Alterations of a minor nature were made in one of the class rooms, and the fence around the property was repaired and painted.

Several bus contracts were entered into, with a separate bus assigned to the Williamsburg route for the transportation of children to the seventh and eighth grades.

In September, the School Committee was saddened by the death of our good friend and counselor, Superintendent of Schools Lucius A. Merritt. During the too brief period of our association, he had earned our admiration and respect as a Christian Gentleman and as an able and devoted school administrator. He has been and will be missed by the members of the Westhampton School Committee.

At a special meeting of School Union No. 55, comprised of the towns of Williamsburg, Southampton, Worthington, Chesterfield, and Westhampton, it was voted to replace Mr. Merritt for the balance of the year with Mr. J. Walter Richard as Acting Superintendent of Schools. Mr. Richard has assumed these duties in a very mature and able manner. The Westhampton School Committee has found him to be cooperative and an administrator who is dedicated to educational service.

Respectfully submitted,

ELLIS T. HOVER, *Chairman*

HENRIETTE P. MILLER

FRANK E. HATHAWAY

School Committee

REPORT OF THE SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS

Herewith is submitted the fourth annual report of the Superintendent of Schools for Westhampton.

At the Union Meeting held in Easthampton on April 26, the Southampton School Committee Members were host to the group. Mr. Lucius Merritt was re-elected for a three year term as Union Superintendent of Schools and Mr. J. Walter Richard was made Assistant Superintendent in Charge of Elementary Education. The position of adjustment counselor was discussed, but it was felt that the Union was too large for one person to effectively carry on a good guidance program in all the Union No. 55 schools. Action was postponed on this until another special meeting.

It was recommended at this meeting by the Elementary Supervisor that some days be set aside periodically when teachers on different grade levels could meet to discuss common problems, evaluate new techniques and share views in regard to common aims in education.

Of importance to all citizens of Massachusetts was the law passed in June requiring that all Massachusetts public school teachers receive at least \$3,000.00 per year. The minimum prior to this bill had been \$2,300.00 a year for the town of Westhampton. This required no immediate changes in Westhampton as most teachers employed here were receiving at least that amount.

Westhampton Center School opened in September with the same teaching staff. The organization is as follows:

Principal Richard Towse—Grades 5 and 6
Mrs. Patricia Norris—Grades 3 and 4
Miss Rachel Bridgman—Grades 1 and 2
Mrs. Esther Norris—Music
Mrs. Peter Button—Art
Mrs. Elizabeth Koss—Penmanship

In September, Dr. Deming Hoyt of Northampton joined our staff to act as adjustment counselor for the towns of Williamsburg, Westhampton and Worthington. Dr. Hoyt comes to us very well qualified in both teaching and guidance work. He completed his undergraduate work at Columbia University and received his doctorate at Harvard University.

The position of adjustment counselor was initiated by the Massachusetts Department of Education for the purpose of counselling and helping children in the primary and elementary grades who are referred to him by a teacher, principal or other school personnel. The adjustment counsellor is also to establish "helpful and kindly relationships with the home in the interest of all children in school, to enlist the interest and help of clergymen and other local leaders" and to serve as a referral agent. With these duties in mind, one can readily see that it would be physically impossible to serve all five towns adequately.

Tuition and transportation has been paid for 31 pupils in other high schools and trade schools. There are 13 students attending Northampton High School, 2 at Smith's Vocational School and 16 at Williamsburg Junior-Senior High School.

There have been no changes in the School Health Department during the past year. Under the direction of Dr. C. Keith Wilbur as school physician, Dr. Abel Ross as school dentist and Mrs. Eunice Cernak as school nurse, the Westhampton school children have received the necessary examinations, and parents have been notified of any physical defects found.

For some time both Mr. Merritt and I had felt that teachers employed in small towns had little opportunity to meet, to exchange ideas, discuss common helps and problems, and to learn about new techniques used in present day education. With this in mind, we worked with the Massachusetts Department of Education to establish a one-day workshop with specific study areas in mind contributed by all teachers. This was realized on November 13 when teachers from our Union No. 55 were hosts to teachers from the Ashfield Union.

The general theme of this day was "More Effective Learning In Today's Schools". Stress was placed on meeting individual differences, particularly in the field of Language Arts. These one-day conferences, we feel, can do much to stimulate and redirect the thinking on the part of teachers, which in turn should result in richer learning experiences for children.

Westhampton was saddened by the death of Mr. Lucius Merritt in September. At a Union School Committee meeting held at Williamsburg in October, I was elected Acting Superintendent of Schools until June 1957. It is my wish to maintain those high standards set by Mr. Merritt who so faithfully served the town of Westhampton.

In conclusion, I wish to thank the teachers, School Committee and other staff members for their loyal support and cooperation throughout this past year.

Respectfully submitted,

J. WALTER RICHARD

Acting Superintendent of Schools

REPORT OF THE PRINCIPAL

June 15, 1956, brought to a close the first year of the six grade system at the Center School which had replaced the eight grade setup of previous years. The achievement tests in May plus the success of graduating students as they continued Junior High in Williamsburg give evidence of a highly successful change in the Westhampton School system.

In September, Miss Rachel Bridgman, Mrs. Patricia Norris, and Mr. Richard Towse returned for another year. Having a faculty experienced in routine and customs of the school enabled us to begin operation smoothly and easily as students and teachers adjusted quickly to the confines of the classrooms.

The school membership has dropped from sixty in September to fifty-eight at present. However, an expected increase in students next year should once again tax the capacity of our classrooms. The lack of a playroom for rainy weather and assemblies is sorely felt. Any improvements along these lines would enrich our program greatly.

In addition to the three teachers, the students receive specialized instruction in music from Mrs. Esther Norris and in art from Mrs. Marion Button. Once a month Rinehart Penmanship System instructors come to the school and set up lessons for the month to come. Connected with our school for the first time is the Adjustment Counsellor, Dr. Deming Hoyt, who supervised the administration of intelligence and reading tests for each child during September. In addition to these tests Dr. Hoyt has investigated individual problems in private conferences and with individual tests. Our health problems were once again ably handled by Mrs. Eunice Cernak, R. N., and our maintenance problems by Stanley Bartlett.

During the year the teachers also went to school. In March, Mr. Towse attended the three-day State Principals Convention in Amherst and took a graduate course in elementary school reading at the University of Massachusetts last summer. Miss Bridgman, Mrs. Norris, and Mr. Towse attended the workshop for elementary school teachers of Union No. 55 during November.

A musical program highlighted by the awarding of certificates to the sixth grade graduates ended the 1955-1956 school year. The annual Christmas program consisted of tableaux, choral speaking, and singing portraying the Christmas story from the Bible in five scenes. Mrs. Esther Norris directed both programs and was assisted by the teachers.

The teachers, administrators, and students wish to thank the school committee and the townspeople whose cooperation and interest have helped to make this year a highly successful one.

Respectfully submitted,

RICHARD M. TOWSE

Principal

REPORT OF THE SCHOOL NURSE

The annual report of the health program in the Westhampton Center School is herewith submitted for the year ending December 1956.

During the winter months, there were many cases of measles and mumps. There were so many cases of measles that the doctor was asked about closing the school, but he said "no" as measles is not one of the more serious childhood diseases.

Dr. C. Keith Wilbur did the yearly physical examinations in September for the entire school.

The Puretone Audiometer borrowed from the Public Health Service in Amherst was used to individually test all students in September. As we are allowed to have it for just a short time, some children were not tested because they were absent at that time. The Massachusetts Vision test was used for visual defects in November.

Dr. Abel Ross examined for dental defects in November. He found the condition of the children's teeth to be poor in the majority of cases.

In November, all children were weighed and measured.

The Town Hall facilities were used again this year for the physical, eye, and ear examinations.

I wish to thank Mr. Stanley Bartlett for keeping the school as clean and odor free as is possible, and also the teachers for their cooperation in all health matters.

Respectfully submitted,

EUNICE H. CERNAK, R. N.

School Nurse

REPORT OF THE ART SUPERVISOR

The Art classes at the Westhampton Center School are held every two weeks. One hour is given to Miss Bridgman's room and also to the classes of Mrs. Norris and Mr. Towse.

I have just completed this January a year of teaching Art in Westhampton, and I am very pleased with the Art work the children have done. The first and second grades have been working on crayon, but recently have started using water colors. The grades three through six have used water colors, crayons, chalk, india ink, tempera paint, and other media. I wish to thank those responsible for these supplies which make the Art program possible.

MARION S. BUTTON

Art Supervisor

REPORT OF STATE AIDED VOCATIONAL EDUCATION

The Town of Westhampton voted \$200.00 at the 1956 Annual Town Meeting for Vocational Training. An advisory committee was named, as required by State law. This committee consists of Mr. and Mrs. Harold Watts and Mr. Ralph Bridgman.

A class in rug braiding was started under the direction of Mrs. Allen of Williamsburg. Sixteen pupils were enrolled. A class in cake decorating was scheduled for the fall term but was not held because of the full schedule of the teacher. However, this course will start the evening of March 21st under the direction of Mrs. Hughes of Amherst, classes to be held in the Church kitchen.

There was \$117.00 left in the Vocational Fund at the close of the year 1956. We are to be reimbursed \$43.00 by the State, making the sum of \$40 spent out of the appropriated fund.

In September 1956, the town was awarded \$200.00 from the George Barden Fund to be used in Vocational Education before June 30, 1957. This is a Federal Grant, used to further the Practical Arts and given once to a town starting a Vocational Education program. Part of this fund will be used to pay for the cake decorating course.

There has been a definite interest shown in the various courses given by the Vocational Education program. It is hoped that this interesting work can continue in our own town and that we may be able to offer additional courses from time to time.

Respectfully submitted,

HENRIETTE P. MILLER

Secretary School Committee

FINANCIAL STATEMENT

EXPENDITURE

Appropriation	\$38,500.00
Expended in 1956	33,019.47

Balance	\$5,480.53
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Administration

L. A. Merritt, Salary	\$762.55
L. A. Merritt, Expenses	56.25
J. Walter Richard, Salary	169.25
J. Walter Richard, Expenses	22.50
Ruth S. Hover, Census	15.00
Jeannette M. ONeill, Secretary	50.00
School Committee Expenses	25.00

\$1,100.55

Instruction

Teachers' Salaries:

Richard Towse	\$3,380.00
Rachel Bridgman	3,033.36
Patricia Norris	2,866.72
Esther Norris, Music	200.00
Mrs. Peter Button, Art	200.00
Rinehart Handwriting System	200.00
J. Walter Richard, Salary	403.60
J. Walter Richard, Travel	45.00
Marion Mascho, Sub.	120.00
Bethel Racker, Sub.	4.00
N. Deming Hoyt, Salary	300.00

10,752.68

Books 341.07

Supplies 308.34

<i>Maintenance</i>		
Janitor's Salary	\$975.00	
Fuel	420.00	
Operating Expenses	449.99	
Repairs and Replacements	499.77	
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		2,344.76
<i>General</i>		
Health:		
Eunice Cernak, R. N.	\$300.00	
Medical Supplies	16.78	
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		316.78
Transportation:		
Elementary—W. Witherell	\$3,888.48	
High and Vocational—W. Witherell	4,872.00	
Junior High—Hampshire Trans.	1,200.00	
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		9,960.48
Tuition:		
Springfield Public Schools		
Adult Education	2.40	
High School		
Town of Williamsburg	2,487.03	
City of Northampton	4,753.95	
Vocational		
Smith's School	556.10	
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		7,799.48
Contingent		
Outlay		95.33
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Total Expenses for Schools for 1956		\$33,019.47

RECEIPTS

Funds Received in 1956 Toward School Expenses:

Mass. School Fund, Chap. 70	\$7,520.40	
Mass. School Fund, Chap. 71		
Transportation	9,773.00	
Vocational Tuition	79.80	
Superintendent's Salary and Travel	466.67	
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		17,839.87
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NET COST OF MAINTAINING SCHOOLS FOR 1956		\$15,179.60

WESTHAMPTON SCHOOL DEPARTMENT

BUDGET — 1957

	Budget 1956	Spent 1956	Budget 1957
Administration	\$1,100.00	\$1,100.55	\$1,000.00
Instruction			
Teachers' Salaries	11,500.00	10,752.68	13,000.00
Books	300.00	341.07	300.00
Classroom Supplies	300.00	308.34	300.00
Maintenance			
Janitor's Salary	1,100.00	975.00	1,100.00
Fuel	700.00	420.00	700.00
Operating Expense	400.00	449.99	400.00
Repairs	2,000.00	499.77	2,000.00
General			
Health	350.00	316.78	350.00
Trans.—High & Voc.	6,300.00	6,072.00	5,700.00
Trans.—Elem.	4,200.00	3,888.48	4,200.00

Tuition—High & Jr. High	9,000.00	7,243.38	9,700.00
Tuition—Vocational	500.00	556.10	1,300.00
Misc.			
Contingent	500.00		500.00
Outlay	250.00	95.33	250.00
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	\$38,500.00	\$33,019.47	\$40,800.00

REPORT OF THE DIPHTHERIA CLINIC

The Diphtheria Clinic was held in February, 1956, at the Westhampton Town Hall. Dr. C. Keith Wilbur gave 15 booster doses of Diphtheria-Whooping Cough and Tetanus. Three children were given the 3-shot series. The other 2 shots were given at home by Eunice H. Cernak, R. N. Seven children were vaccinated.

EUNICE H. CERNAK, R. N.

REPORT OF THE WELL CHILD CONFERENCE

The Well Child Conference was held June 20, 1956, in the Westhampton Town Hall. The staff members were Dr. C. Keith Wilbur, Nurse Eunice H. Cernak, Registrar Mrs. Irene Delisle. Girls for Height and Weight were Louise Loud and Elizabeth Clapp. Luncheon was served in the Club Room by Mrs. Ruth Blow and Mrs. Dorothy Loud. Thirty-six physical examinations and twenty-four polio shots were given. There were no vaccinations.

EUNICE H. CERNAK, R. N.

REPORT OF THE SALK VACCINE PROGRAM

February 28, 1956—A small clinic was held in the Westhampton Center School for the second shots of those in the test group. Twelve children were given the vaccine.

Now came the task of immunizing large numbers of people. This took about 75 hours of planning and book work before we were able to hold the first clinic.

June 6, 1956—A clinic was held in the Westhampton Town Hall. The staff members were Dr. C. Keith Wilbur, Eunice H. Cernak, R. N., Ruth Hover, R. N., Eleanor Scott, R. N., Mrs. Irene Delisle and Mrs. Mae Pelissier. Four children in the test group received their second shots. Eighty-five children received their first shots. Two pregnant women also received shots.

June 20, 1956—Twenty-three children and one pregnant woman received their first shots at the Well Child Conference.

August 27, 1956—A clinic was held at the Westhampton Town Hall. The staff members were Dr. C. Keith Wilbur, Eunice H. Cernak, R. N., Eleanor Scott, R. N., Mrs. Mae Pelissier and Mrs. Irene Delisle. One hundred and five children and three pregnant women received their second shots.

September 11, 1956—At the school physicals, two children had first shots and six children had second shots.

September 17, 1956—The 15 - 19 age group are now eligible for vaccine. Many hours of planning and book work had to be done again before a clinic could be held. This clinic was held at the office of Dr. C. Keith Wilbur. Eunice H. Cernak was at the office to assist the doctor. Thirteen of this age group received their first shots. Eight children of the 0 - 15 age group received their second shots. One pregnant woman also received the first shot. Harland Lemery, Jr., received his vaccine at Dr. Wilbur's office when he was home from school.

November 8 and 9, 1956—The clinics were held at Dr. C. Keith Wilbur's office. Eunice H. Cernak was at the office to assist the doctor. This group was divided in half at the doctor's request. One 15 - 19 age person had his first shot. Two 0 - 15 age group had their first shots. Thirteen 15 - 19 age group had their second shots. Eight children of the test group received their third shots.

Some children and expectant mothers received their vaccine from their private physicians.

EUNICE H. CERNAK, R. N.

REPORT OF THE CENTER CEMETERY

Work accomplished this year consisted of the usual raking of leaves and debris in the spring and the routine care of mowing and trimming throughout the grass growing season. The very late spring delayed the regrading projects until after Memorial Day to minimize the untidiness so necessary when such grading is in progress. Small areas were filled in and reseeded.

Nine hundred and four feet of fence was scraped, sanded, and painted last summer.

In the fall, regrading was continued and much tree trimming was done where trees overhung the fence from adjoining property.

Late fall work consisted of raking leaves and collecting wreaths, glassware, and flower pots left behind.

There were 10 burials last year.

STANLEY BARTLETT
Caretaker

REPORT OF THE FIRE DEPARTMENT

Members of the Department answered the following calls this year:

- 3 Building Fires
- 1 Vehicle Fire
- 2 Plugged Chimneys
- 1 Grass Fire

Members also recharged 23 soda-acid extinguishers and gave assistance to three property owners in burning over grass and brush land.

Fire equipment and other items purchased:

- 200' Forestry Hose with Adapters and Nozzle
- 1 1,500 Gal. Water Tank
- 1 Case of Extinguisher Recharges
- Batteries for Truck and Flash Lights
- Replacement Parts for Vehicles

New members joining the Department this year are:

- Francis Loud
- Walter Henderson
- James McGill

One member, Ed Hayes, resigned.

During the summer months, several practice drills were held. Each fireman was given the opportunity to operate the fire truck and pump and also the portable pump. Sometimes the men were formed into teams and competed against the clock in various operations of the apparatus. One drill was held at night to acquaint the men with the handicap of working in darkness. Another drill consisted of smothering an oil fire with water by using a fog nozzle. Also the relay method of forcing water a great distance was demonstrated by combining the portable pump and fire truck pump onto one hose line.

I realize the excitement and desperation of the moment when a fire breaks out in your home, but valuable time can be saved by saying in your call where the fire is, and then by hanging up immediately so that calls to the firemen can be started and get the trucks rolling. All fires are small when they start. Your job is to keep it small. Close all doors to prevent the fire from spreading to all parts of the home. Every kitchen should have a small extinguisher, preferably of the CO₂ or dry powder type. A most excellent chemical found in every kitchen to put out burning oil, grease, or paraffin is baking soda or baking powder.

Last fall a power shovel of the clam shell type was hired to enlarge and deepen four water holes.

Permits issued in 1956:

- 9 Power Oil Burner Installations
- 2 Range Oil Burners
- 1 L. P. Gas
- 80 Fire Permits

Permits for open air fires are necessary at all times even if it is raining or snow covers the ground. The reason for this is so the Fire Warden will know where burning is going on. Should someone report seeing smoke, the Warden will know if such smoke needs immediate investigation or not. Permits are free. Permits issued by telephone are recorded by the Warden for reference should anyone question your right to burn. Remember a permit does not free you from the responsibility of keeping your fire under control and seeing to it that it is out when you leave. Neither does it release you from possible suit for damage should it destroy your neighbor's property.

Seventy per cent of all grass fires start from backyard incinerators. A runaway fire in your backyard is much too close to your home for comfort.

Our forest fire fighting equipment is being built up with the assistance from the State Forestry Department on a 50 - 50 basis (maximum of \$50 from the State for any one year).

Our Volunteer Fire Department has been in existence for over six years now. Fire insurance rates have been reduced because of the increased protection. Our goal is to further increase this protection by acquiring equipment more suitable to rural fire fighting conditions. The pumper that enabled taxpayers to benefit by reduced rates is now 20 years old. Serious thought should be given to replacing this pumper in the near future.

The trend today in rural fire fighting is to carry a large water supply to the fire rather than frantically trying to squeeze water out of a dry brook or floundering around in hub deep mud or ice and snow. Therefore, we have purchased a 1,500 gallon tank at a bargain price through one of our most worthy firemen. We are now searching for a suitable truck to mount the tank upon. This will give us three pieces of apparatus:

- 1 500 Gal. per Minute Pumper with Hose
- 1 Pickup Truck Designed for Grass and
Brush Fire Work
- 1 Water Supply Truck

I highly recommend the purchase of a cab and chassis truck for the water tank and another portable pump.

I wish to thank each and every member of the Department for his loyalty and cooperation, and all others for their quick response to the calls for aid in fire fighting.

Respectfully submitted,

STANLEY BARTLETT

REPORT OF THE INSPECTOR OF BUILDINGS

Building Permits Issued in 1956:

Stanley Greenberg	House
Wayne Buzzee	Alteration to House
Robert Church	Summer Camp
Leo Aloisi	Milk Room
Easthampton Beagle Club	Storage Shed
Bonnie and Richard Williams	House

ARTICLES OF THE TOWN WARRANT

TOWN MEETING
MONDAY, MARCH 4, 1957
Ten A. M. — Prompt

Article 1. To hear and act on all reports presented at said meeting.

Article 2. To elect by ballot necessary officers to serve the ensuing year.

Article 3. To see if the Town will vote to leave the care of the highways in charge of the Selectmen.

Article 4. To vote in compliance with Section 108, Chapter 41, General Laws, which requires that salaries of elected officers be fixed by vote of the Town.

Article 5. To raise and appropriate such sums of money as may be necessary to defray Town charges the ensuing year.

Article 6. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Town Treasurer, with the approval of the Selectmen, to borrow money from time to time in anticipation of the revenue of the financial year beginning January 1, 1957, and to issue a note or notes therefor, payable within one year, and to renew any note or notes as may be given for a period less than one year in accordance with Section 17, Chapter 44, General Laws.

Article 7. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from unappropriated available funds in the treasury, a sum of money for Chapter 81 and Chapter 90 Highways, or take any action in relation thereto.

Article 8. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$1,000.00 to cover the 1957 note on the Town Hall and \$160.00 for the interest on the same.

Article 9. To see if the Town will vote one week vacation with pay (forty-eight hours) to permanent employees.

Article 10. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money for the observance of Memorial Day.

Article 11. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$150.00 for Gypsy Moth

Article 12. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$150.00 for Dutch Elm Disease.

Article 13. To see if the Town will vote to adopt the proposed Plan of By-Laws as published, or take any other action thereon.

Article 14. To see if the Town will vote a sum of money from the balance in the treasury to reduce taxes.

Article 15. To see if the Town will vote the sum of \$7,000.00 to meet the Town's share in the construction of a new bridge at Loud's Mill, and to meet said appropriation \$7,000.00 be transferred from the proceeds received from the State under the provisions of Chapter 718 of the Acts of 1956.

Other articles may appear in posted warrant.

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